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FUNDRAISER: Book on homeless leads to lunch



Toronto writer Rebecca Upjohn, centre in front row, author of Lily and the Paper Man, meets students of Pelham Centre Public School. Her book about a little girl and a homeless man inspired the Pelham students to raise money for the Out of the Cold program in St. Catharines by preparing a fundraising lunch.

Good deed inspires author's visit to Pelham school

WAYNE CAMPBELL

PelhamNEWS Staff When author Rebecca Unjohn heard her book inspired a good deed, she wanted to meet the children. The Toronto writer came up

with Lily and the Paper Man after her son saw a man sleeping in the Pelham Centre Public School students during a visit last week. Students of Grade 4 teacher Sheryl Bench and Grade 8 teacher

street and asked her why, she told Brooke Robinson used the book as part of a reading assignment. The students suggested doing something for the homeless. see AUTHOR | A2



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100 meals.

■ FISHING: Trout season opens at St. Johns Conservation Area Son inspired her story A'reel' sign of spring in region

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It led to the organizing of a fundraising lunch put together by students, staff and parents that raised \$300 for the Out of the Cold food program in St. Catharines. The students learned it would help pay for

Meanwhile, Upjohn heard about a video sent out by the District School Board of Niagara reviewing the project and received an e-mail from the school.

She volunteered to come to talk to the students about her story of a little girl getting to know a homeless man "What an incredible thing you did. It gave me a feeling of

ultimate validation about the book," Upjohn said. She was especially proud of what they did with the money because she volunteers for Out

of the Cold in Toronto. The students asked questions that included what

inspired her to write the book. Her son's experience was the inspiration, she said, but it took her more than a year to write the book She showed them pages and

pages of revisions to Lilv and the Paper Man. "Like you. I have to make corrections and changes," she

Upjohn explained the long process of finding a publisher, especially one interested in social issues. "The publisher told me they wanted to do the book, and then wanted more revisions" She showed the students some of the original illustra-

tions. They were done after the book was written and by an illustrator working on her own. Unjohn said she was always a writer. She read the students a story called Ghost she wrote in elementary school.

"Obviously I was interested in writing a long time ago," she

She has had two other books published. Patrick's Wish, about a boy with AIDS, was put together in three weeks to meet a publisher's deadline for a campaign. Her next book, The Last Loon, is a "chapter book of 100 pages" about a

bird-rescue operation. Upjohn called fiction writers "liars and thieves" who draw inspiration from every day life. In her case, it's as a parent,

If a writer likes your glasses, she told the students, it may turn up in a book. Observation is part of the process.

There are three ways to become a better writer: read a lot, write a lot and seek advice from your peers, teachers, editors and other writers." When asked what she learned from Lily and the Paper Man, Upjohn said it was to see homeless people not as

scary but as people like the rest

Tom and Fonda Jamieson

WAYNE CAMPBELL PelhamNEWS Staff

THOROLD - For about 40 years, scores of experienced and new anglers have ringed a pond at St. Johns Conservation Area for the opening of trout

"It's a great spot for kids to learn to fish. Most kids in Niagara have caught their first fish at the St. Johns pond." Mary Stack, of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation

Authority, said. Despite the warm, sunny day, the turnout for the official noon cast was a little less than expected. But scores of anglers lined the 0.75-hectare manmade pond for the start. Stack said some people

come every year and have their favourite spots. Those ages 18 to 65 required an Ontario fishing licence, while those under 18 and over 65 didn't. With a daily two-fish limit,

young and old quickly reached their target, allowing for a steady turnover during the

Peter Cuke of Fontbill brought his two grandchil-dren, Ayden and Ethan Cuke of Welland. He said it was the first time be was there on opening day, although he and his grandsons have scouted the pond for the past week. They were excited to finally be out fishing, he added.



At left. Elizabeth and Mickey DiFruscio prepare to make the first cast to open the trout fishing season at the St. John Conservation Area Saturday. DiFruscio, a 20-year board member of the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, said the pond provides a wonderful opportunity for families, like the Cukes, right, to fish together. Grandfather Peter Cuke of Fonthill watches his two grandsons Ayden and Ethan of Welland show their first catches, snagged shortly after the noon opening of the trout pound in Thorold.

of Ridgeway brought their two children Ruby and Tom Jr. Tom said it was his first time at St. Johns and the family's

visit gave the children their first taste of fishing at the conservation area. Fonda said she's been there before. The family has a boat it takes into Lake Erie and fish in streams around

Eighty-four-year-old Mickey DiFruscio, a conservation authority hoard member from Thorold, cast the first line to start the fishing at noon "I've been doing it for a long

time," he said. The 20-year board member said he is pleased with the popularity of the pond at one of the head waters of Twelve-Mile Creek in the St. Johns

"It's an isolated setting, right in Thorold's backvard."

This year's annual stocking of the pond with 1,000 trout almost didn't happen because of budgeting constraints on the conservation authority. Land management director Darcy Baker, who sounded the horn to open the season, said the authority had to turn to the Niagara Conservation Authority Foundation for help. Trout season continues until

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■ ENVIRONMENT: Registration lower than expected

Participation Day encourages Pelham community cleanup

WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Writer

PELHAM — On a warm spring Saturday, people across the town cleaned their lawns, their driveways or the roadways in front of their homes.

Unfortunately, for Pelham Communities in Bloom, few officially registered their participation in the committee's spring Participation Day, Officially, only 55 signed up at the registration table in Ferwick's Centennial

Through the day they picked up 130 bags of garbages and recyclables. Organizer Brenda Nellson said she was surprised con-

sidering the good weather.

"But with the expectation of rain on Sunday, they probably stayed home to do their own properties. The way I look at it, we filled 130 bags with stuff that wouldn't have been picked up," she said

Sunday.

Neilson suggested with
Participation Day following
close to Earth Day Thursday,
people may have thought
they did their bit to help the
environment. Organizers sent
cleanup crews along roads
throughout the town.

Hayley Flikkema, a member of Glynn A. Green School's Green Team, brought her father Mike Flikkema to help. "She said she wanted to come so we came," her father

said.

This was his first time doing Participation Day, and they were given bags and gloves and directed to stretches along Foss and Welland

Kaitlin Labatte of St.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo Brenda Neilson, co-ordinator of the Pelham Communities in Bloom Participation Day, directs Hayley Flikkema and her father Mike Flikkema to Foss Rd. and Welland Rd., two routes along which they will pickup debris during the Saturday morning event.

Catharines was registering young people participating in the Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge sponsored by the Ontario government and runing to May 8. The challenge encourages young people aged 14 to 18 to volunteer and get the 40 hours of community service they need to

graduate high school.

By mid-morning she bad
15 registered for Participation
day in Fenwick, while 100
young people volunteered
across Niagara that morning.
More information is available online at the Ministry of

Citizenship website.

Adam Fundytus and
Alexi Thompson picked up
trasb along Hwy. 20 east of
Effineham Rd.

The two E.L. Crossley

Secondary School students, who were earning some community volunteer hours, said they found a lot of Tim Hortons cups, cigarette packages, newspapers and even the skeleton of a dead bird. They said it was their first

time working Participation Day as they filled a garbage bag with debris. Gerry Berkhout and Ryan Huckla got off to a late start Saturday morning as they pulled debris from bushes along Pelham St. in down-

town Fonthill.

"We almost filled a bag just from these bushes along. Maybe the merchants should take a closer look around their properties," Berkhout

take a closer look around p their properties," Berkhout A longtime volunteer, a Berkhout joined newcomer

Huckla on the cleanup. The Crossley student performed volunteer work between performances of Urinetown: The Musical. He was on stage Friday night and was returning to Ridley College for the Saturday show.

This was his first experience with Participation Day and he was doing it as a member of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council. Sponsors of the day

Sponsors of the day included Tim Hortons, who offered mugs and T-shirts, Fenwick Lions Club, who supplied a barbecue at the end of the morning, and Shoppers Drug Mart, which provided soft drinks.

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E.L. Crossley Secondary School students Adam Fundytus, left, and Alexi Thompson pick up coffee cups, cigarette packs and newspapers among the debris left along Hwy 20. They were doing volunteer work as part of the Pelham Communities in



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo Ryan Huckla, left, and Gerry Berkhout clean up trash along Pelham St. in Fonthill as part of Pelham Communities in Bloom's Participation Day Saturday.

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Wayne Campbell

Busy day in town square

Unll out your cloth shopping bag, lace up your sneakers and flex your cycling muscles.

On Thursday, May 6, Pelham residents will step into spring with the opening of the Pelham Farmers' Market, the annual Mayor's Walk and the arrival of Heart and Stroke Foundations Big Bike. They all take place in Fonthill's Pelham Town Square.

The market, with about 20 local farm and food vendors, opens at 4:30 p.m. and continues until dusk. It will fill the municipal parking lot each Thursday evening until Oct. 28. Over the past seven years, the market has turned into a meeting place for residents and an attraction for shoppers from Welland, St.

Catharines, Thorold and western Niagara. It has led an explosion in the number of farmers' markets across Niagara as food shoppers take a growing interest in buying locally produced fruit, vegetables and other products.

The sixth annual Mayor's Walk steps off at 6 p.m. from the Farmer's Market. It's intended to draw attention to the town's extensive walking trails. This year at 5:30 p.m. it will feature a demonstration of urban poling. The walking exercise uses poles similar to cross-country ski polls to increase fat burn and stir up the cardiovascular workout. Walkers can choose from two routes - 7.3 km or 2.9 km along the Steve Bauer trails.

The third event starts at My Place Bar and Grill in the Fonthill Shopping Centre before the opening of the market and it extends for three hours. Teams from Lookout Ridge Retirement Community, Town of Pelham, Fonthill Post Office, Sobeys, Fenwick Lions and Lioness, Fonthill Herbal Magic, Fonthill Lions and Curves will ride the 30-seat bicycle to raise money for the Heart and Stroke Foundation, Last year Pelham's hig hike rides raised \$14,132. Since 2001, Pelham has contributed \$65,819.

Now, let's hope the sun shines next Thursday.

comment



Suppled Photos St. Ann Grade 1/2 class of teacher Angela Clupak adopted 70 Jarvae on March 24 from Boreal Laboratories, along with a "Butterfly Kit" including a terrarium, caterpillar and small containers. The larvae grew individually in small containers, into large caterpillars and attached themselves to the lids of the small containers to form chrysalids. The students transferred the lids to the terrarium where they hung for 7-10 daysbefore butterflies emerged. After a day or two, they let them fly away in schoolyard. Students held out dandelions to entice the butterflies and to enjoy a butterfly up close, Painted Lady Butterflies live about three weeks.



Bylaw draws more comment than noise itself

PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM - A public meeting on a proposed noise control bylaw drew about 20 people to talk about loud machines. bad timing and common sense.

Town council wanted public input on a draft bylaw presented in February and revised slightly in March. It's a revision of a noise control bylaw the town has had

since 1981 and revised in 1993. Bylaw enforcement manager Keegan Gennings outlined changes already made. They included taking out a clause about unreasonable disturbance and fixing a mistake that set a noise deadline time for yelling shouting hooting whistling and

singing" at 9 p.m. instead of 11 p.m. Ward 2 Coun. Dave Emmons, who chaired the meeting, said council and staff will take the suggestions into consideration when they put together the final version. Town staff had already received 52

written comments and summarized them The people aren't too happy," said Wayne Patterson as he handed the council committee a 15-page petition signed at

the Target store just down the road from the Fonthill fire hall where the meeting "What are you going to do next? Outlaw tractors on farms?" he said.

Gennings said farm operations are exempt from the bylaw

Gail and Frank Belchior questioned a provision to restrict operation of snow removal equipment to after 7 p.m.

Gail said her husband had to clear their driveway before then so he could get to work in the early morning and she could get to her job by 7:30 or 8 a.m.

Frank said he often cleared his Fallingbrook neighbours' driveways once he had his snowblower going. They said 6

a.m. was a more reasonable time. Marg Hinton asked if there was way to limit yard care companies to certain days. "Everyone in our neighbourhood has

different companies coming at different times of the week with their lawn mowers and blowers," she said. "Couldn't we have peace and quiet just for one day? Chuck Jansen said people need to get to know their neighbours and work things

out: "It's crazy to rely on a bylaw; Denise Carpenter who raises thoroughbred race horses on a Quaker Rd. farm said her business is being put at risk by ATV drivers on a neighbouring property.



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III NIAGARA REGION: Bag limit to be imposed by next March Weekly garbage pickup remains

ALLAN BENNER PelhamNEWS Staff

THOROLD - A tin can, empty milk carton and several other items littered the desk of Pelham Mayor David Augustyn.

He brought the bits of trash with him to illustrate the points he was arguing inside regional council chambers Thursday: and they remained piled on his desk as councillors debated significant changes to garbage collection until well after 1 a.m.

But Augustyn's arguments weren't enough to sway the opinions of the majority of regional councillors who sided with the numerous residents who packed council chambers to listen to the debate.

Councillors voted in favour of continuing with weekly garbage collection — but now with a single garbage bag or can instead of two.

Gone are alternating weeks for blue and grey box pickup. Blue and grey box recyclables and green bin organic waste the stuff that puts the stink in your garbage - will be picked up every week. Councillors also banned the

collection of grass clippings. And they approved a sevenear contract with Emterra Environmental for the curbside collection of household waste - a move that saw 80 Modern Landfill workers

and their family members leave regional headquarters unhappy All changes go into effect in

Augustyn wanted a threebag limit collected every other week. He said most people

support the Region's goal of diverting 65% of trash from landfills. "This is the way we need to move forward. This is the way we need to be environmen-

tally friendly To reach that goal, he said the Region needs to make recycling and using green bins more convenient than putting out a bag of trash. Holding

some of the recyclable items on his desk, Augustyn said it seems a lot more convenient for people to simply pitch it in the garbage - that's why less frequent garbage collection and weekly recyclable collec-tion would "make it less con-

venient to landfill." Welland Mayor Damian Goulbourne, chair of the Region's waste management planning steering committee, said Niagara has not managed to move beyond about a

42% diversion rate in the past seven years. If the region wants to divert 65% of its trash away from landfill sites, biweekly garbage

pickup is the way to go about He's received seven e-mails and several calls from people

concerned about the Region's recommendations for biweekly garbage collection. But after he explained the issues to those people, "they changed their minds."

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■ NOISE

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They disturb her high-strung horses for hours at a time racing up and down the property line.

"Farmers have to abide by restrictions and regulations she said pointing of setback rules. "Why aren't there any for residential neighbours of

Hank Bauer asked whether there were any provincial legal restrictions on ATVs. Gennings said only if they

are on a mad Ward 2 Coun. Sharon Cook said noise can be a judgmental thing and there may be some

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noise times

Mayor Dave Augustyn said persistent noise may be a key factor in determining an

Ward 3 Coun, John Durley suggested looking at government health and safety guidelines and see if they may apply.

Ward 3 Coun. Peter Papp said it's a complex issue that requires a practical approach. A bylaw has to be enforce-

able and it can't be unreasonable," he said. Gennings said after the

meeting he is not sure when he would bring in a final draft of the bylaw.

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act on complaints. Under the current bylaw, there have only been 17 noise complaints in

the past year "Most of those had to do with barking dogs," he said. There have been more comments over the proposed noise

control bylaw than about noise itself he said wcampbell@ wellandtribune.ca

■ GARRAGE

Service isn't being reduced, savs Welland mayor

He said many people perceived it as a reduction in service, "and it isn't." Instead, he called it an

increase in service for blue and grey box recycling. Still, it's something residents will have to get used to. "It's going to be an

inconvenience for a little while, but it will work," Goulbourne said. ahenner@

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Arts festival gives back

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PELHAM - Without volunteers contributing countless hours, the Pelham Art Festival

wouldn't be as successful as Dozens of volunteers help with preparations, ticket sales, set up booths and hold a number of important responsibilities before, during and after the popular festival. Those important volunteers

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were honored on last week at the Pelham Library with a reception

In its 24th year, the festival has helped raise \$290,000 for the Pelham Public Library and Wednesday night the library was presented with another \$10,000 to be used for its summer children's theatre program and went into a fund for the construction of the new Maple Acres branch in

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KAESHA FORAND Staff Photo Library board chair Bob Winter and library director Stephanie Stowe accept a \$10,000 cheque from Pelham Art Festival chair Heidi TeBrake last Wednesday night during a volunteer appreciation evening. The funds are raised through the annual art sale and will be used for its summer children's theatre program and went into a fund for the construction of the new Maple Acres branch in Fenwick

Stowe praised volunteers and the tremendous help their fundraiser has provided to the library "Over the past eight years that I've been

here, their donation have made it possible to improve both libraries and services from children to seniors."

Without the funds, Stowe said they would be "substantially behind other libraries' Pelham Art Festival chair Heidi TeBrake

said volunteers are essential to the event and thanked them for all their hard work Her thanks were echoed by Mayor Dave Augustyn and library board chair Bob Winter

Augustyn said a community with arts and culture have soul and "it's because of you the community has soul

You have that vision of how important art is in a community and culture in a

community.5 The Pelham Art Festival will be held May 7. 8 and 9 at the arena on Haist St. It typically draws between 1,500 and 2,000 visitors with 65 to 70 juried artists featuring acrylic, oil, water colour, soap painting, glass work, pen and ink, pencil, pastel, jewelry, photography and pottery.



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■ ART: Pelham festival features paintings, sculptures, pottery, stained glass

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KATIE DANIEL For PelhamNFWS

PELHAM - Artists from across Niagara will showcase their hard work on Mother's Dayumakand

There will be a wide range of art this year," says advertising co-ordinator Patricia Haftar, There is glass work, pottery, acrylics, oils, pen and ink, wood burning, pastels, almost

everything." Last week a few of the artists participating in the show came together at Pelham library's Fonthill branch for the feeti-

val's media day. Among the artists are festival regulars, including Beverly Sneath, who has been attending since the first show 24 years

Martha Southwell, a local in Pelham, started painting 20 years ago but also does sketching. Her oil painting subjects include people, pets and vin-

tage automobiles. "Oil painting is a fairly long process," says Southwell. There are many layers of

paint, which shows the depth of the painting. Southwell is a member of the Portrait Society of Canada. In 2008 one of her paintings was a finalist in the International

Art Festival in Toronto, Last year the same painting won the award of excellence at the Pelham festival.

Selling art is quite new to ome of the artists. Jean Parent has only been on the artist cir-

"I didn't know I had it in me," says Parent. "It's a new career for me.

Parent started painting 13 years ago after retiring from a career in education. In March 2006 she was diagnosed with cancer and considers painting a part of her healing process.

"It's exciting to start a painting and choose the colours. It's a real process taking time to layer and make revisions though," says Parent, who paints mostly abstracts with acrylics on either paper or canvas with bright, vibrant

The Pelham Art Festival will be held at the Pelham Arena May 7 to 9.

A daily pass costs \$4 and the

tival will include live music

and a raffle for a painting by

featured Niagara Falls artist

James Kerr, Proceeds from

the raffle benefit arts in the

community and Pelham

Public Library.

JOSH GRANT-YOUNG Staff Photo

Jean Parent of Thorold holds her artistic creation called Enigma. Parent recovered from cancer in 2006 and through art therapy classes found a passion to paint and



F-L-W

Mel Kennedy is a 63 year old grandfather with eleven lovely and active grandchildren. His children live close, so he is able to visit his grandkids regularly but he still has time for his many projects and interests. Technically he's retired, but as his wife would tell you, "he's always fixing something or other !"

About 10 years ago Mel, noticed he was tiring quickly. Simple tasks like walking the dog became difficult because of fatigue and a painful burning sensation in his throat. He couldn't walk very far without resting. At night, his feet were always, always cold. As time passed, the symptoms worsened. With growing fear and anxiety, he went to a cardiologist who confirmed that he was suffering from heart disease and angina.

Angina is your body's way of telling you that your heart is not receiving adequate amounts of blood or oxygen. In Mel's case, there was a build-up of plaque in the arteries around his heart, blocking blood flow. A common ailment called hardening-of-the-arteries, these blockages were cutting off the blood supply causing his heart to work much harder. The dizziness, fatigue and numbness in his legs was an indication he was suffering from poor circulation.

Mel knew a number of friends, neighbours and family members who suffered from heart disease. Many ended up with heart bypass surgery and life-long drug therapies.

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New traffic lights at school

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A driver on Pelham St. pulled up to a new traffic signal at Port Robinson Rd., lowered her window and called to town politicians gathered for a photo opportunity.

Thank you for the new light," she called out. "I've been waiting for 10

Then as the light turned green, she drove north through the intersection. She was one of three drivers to shout

out a greeting while the group gathered at 8:30 a.m.last week,

The lights, which have been hanging for a few weeks awaiting parts, finally went on. Last Wednesday was the first full day of operation of the pedestrian see TRAFFIC LIGHT | A9

guided lights at Glynn A. Green Public

However, as the driver pointed out, a campaign to get them has stretched over years. It involved lobbying by the school, parents, children, pedestrians

and drivers for not only the signal lights but also sidewalks to the school and other safety measures Mayor Dave Augustyn called it "the

first step to ensuring the students of Glynn A. Green are safe every day." The next steps include installation of sidewalks along the west side of Pelham St. between Brock St. and Elizabeth Dr. over the next couple of months. It will fill a gap in the sidewalk pattern along

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Later this year, the mayor said the town will start to reconstruct Pelham St. south

of College. Future steps include design studies of Pelham St. from Port Robinson to Ouaker Rd. and Port Robinson from Pelham St.

They will lead to reconstruction work in 2012, which will include sidewalks and a new road, he said.

Glynn A. Green principal Sandy Giancarlo said he's delighted to see the light go into operation.

"There has been a lot of discussion over the years for safer crosswalks, lights and side-walks," he said. "Some of the issues date back to when we had Fonthill Public School." It was closed and torn down a few years ago. Giancarlo said drivers of

cars and buses coming up the steep grade of Port Robinson Rd. will appreciate the traffic lights, especially in the winter. Sheridan Houghton with

her daughter Kira Tarasuk and Emma Caldwell representing her mother Joanne Caldwell were at the short ceremony.

Houghton and Caldwell as members of the School Advisory Council gathered a petition and made a pitch to town council last fall to put in the lights and extend sidewalks around the school.

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Houghton said she was pleased to see the lights finally in place. It provides more protection for students like her daughter who have to cross

Pelham St. to the school. Now she hopes the town moves ahead with sidewalks to the south and she will be watching for progress, she

Bob Fish, a member of the town's active transportation committee, said the signals and improvements in sidewalks will help to make the

town more walkable. School crossing guards Connie Peart and Diane Vacheff are relieved to have the lights to backup their work helping students and adults across Pelham and Port Robinson.



WAYNE CAMPRELL Staff Photo. Gathering for the official dedication of a new traffic light at Pelham St. and Port Robinson Rd. are, from left, Ward 2 Coun. Peter Papp, Ward 3 Coun, John Durley, Bob Fish of the Pelham Active Transportation Committee, Glynn A. Green School parent Sheridan Houghton with daughter Kira Tarasuk, front, student Emma Caldwell, Mayor Dave Augustyn and principal Sandy Giancarlo.







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Tree Service has donated and planted three red maple trees in a park beside the Pelham Arena. Assisting in the planting are from left Brad Smith. assistant manager of parks and cemeteries or the Town of Pelham, Mayor Dave Augustyn, and Brian Alkemade, owner of Shorthills Tree Service. Alkemade said the trees come from Willowbrook Nurseries and are a native species. He began the project to thank the tow and residents. He trims



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Importance of wetlands taught at E.C. Brown

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PELHAM - Checking the birds and insects and frogs and snakes will reveal the health of an ecosystem. Kelly Jamieson, a restora-

tion project lead with Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, told a Grade 7 class from Quaker Road Public School in Welland the number of frogs, turtles, salamanders and insects will tell water, soil and air are good or had

She spoke during Earth Day interpretation tours at the Welland River's E.C. Brown Conservation Area during an Earth Day event Thursday, It drew students from Ouaker Road, Fitch Street and Alexander Kuska schools in Welland and St. Ann in Fenwick along with a community living group from St. Catharines.

The day included tree and

shrub planting, monitor ing demonstrations of birds amphibians and insects and explanations of the native nlants found throughout the wetland restoration area Over the past few years, the NPCA has restored the once oft-flooded cornfield to its original wetland condition. Native plants create a living interpretative area with trails.

explanation signs and monitoring stations. Restoration project lead Allison Graszat said Thursday's goal was to instil

in students the importance of wetlands and their importance to the future of the ecogystem The students helped NPCA

staff plant more than 1.000 trees and shrubs Graszat said the conservation area changes throughout

For example, it prairie grass meadowland blooms with colour in early July.

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mallard with a nest of eggs. she said. "With recent flooding the vernal pool in the centre now has fish in it."

NPCA chair Doug Ransom said the authority was pleased with the turnout for this Earth Day event

living and the Environment Ministry, which was holding a team-building exercise on the grounds.

E.C. Brown has worked out well as a demonstration area because it easily accessible



The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority held its second annual Earth Day event at the E.C. Brown Conservation Area on April 22. At left, Quaker Road Public School Grade 7 students Josh Wood, left, Ethan Milne and Cameron Borisenko look for frogs, Above, Megan Benson, left, and Nicole Power. Grade 8 students from St. Ann Catholic School plant trees Below, NPCA restoration project lead Steve Gillis shows Jacob Campbell of St. Ann Catholic School in Fenwick the fine points of tree planting.







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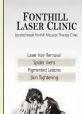
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